WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A printing control method of converting data into print data which a printing apparatus can process, said printing control method comprising:

5   a setting step of setting an overall setting to be applied to the entire print data and a partial setting to be applied to a designated page in generating the print data; and

a conversion step of converting the data into the

10   print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting set by said setting step.

2.   The printing control method according to claim 1,

15   wherein said setting step has a page designation step of designating a page to which the partial setting is applied and, in said conversion step, the overall setting is applied to items other than items to which the partial setting is applied.

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3.   The printing control method according to claim 1, wherein said conversion step converts metadata generated by an operating system into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial

25   setting while preferentially applying the partial setting to the metadata.

4.   The printing control method according to claim 1,
wherein said conversion step converts bitmap data
generated by a renderer into the print data in
accordance with the overall setting and the partial
5   setting while preferentially applying the partial
setting to the bitmap data.

5.   The printing control method according to claim 1,
wherein the print data is bitmap data.
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6.   A printing control method of converting inputted
drawing data into a print data which a printing
apparatus can print and transferring the print data to
the printing apparatus, said printing control method
15   comprising:
a first determination step of determining an
overall setting which is a print setting to be applied
to the entire drawing data;
a step of recording the overall setting determined
20   in said first determination step in a setting table for
managing settings;
a second determination step of determining a
partial setting which is a setting to be applied only
to a part of pages in the case in which the drawing
25   data extends over a plurality of pages;

a step of recording the partial setting determined in said second determination step in the setting table; and

a step of determining a setting to be used for

5   each page of interest from the setting table and generating print data based upon the determined setting.

7.   The printing control apparatus for converting data into print data which a printing apparatus can process,

10   said printing control apparatus comprising:

a setting unit which sets an overall setting to be applied to the entire print data and a partial setting to be applied to a designated page in generating the print data; and

15   a converter which converts the data into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting set by said setting unit.

20   8.   The printing control apparatus according to claim 7,

wherein said converter converts metadata generated by an operating system into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial

25   setting while preferentially applying the partial setting to the metadata.

9.   The printing control apparatus according to claim
7,

wherein said converter converts bitmap data
generated by a renderer into the print data in
5   accordance with the overall setting and the partial
setting while preferentially applying the partial
setting to the bitmap data.

10.   A printing control apparatus for converting
10   inputted drawing data into a print data which a
printing apparatus can print and transferring the print
data to the printing apparatus, said printing control
apparatus comprising:

a first determination unit which determines an
15   overall setting which is a print setting to be applied
to the entire drawing data;

a first recorder which records the overall setting
determined in said first determination unit in a
setting table for managing settings;

20   a second determination unit which determines a
partial setting which is a setting to be applied only
to a part of pages in the case in which the drawing
data extends over a plurality of pages;

a second recorder which records the partial
25   setting determined in said second determination unit in
the setting table; and

a generator which determines a setting to be used
for each page of interest from the setting table and
generates print data based upon the determined setting.

5   11. A printing system comprising:

a printing control apparatus for converting
drawing data into a print data which a printing
apparatus can process, comprising: a setting unit which
sets an overall setting to be applied to the entire
10   print data and a partial setting to be applied to a
designated page in generating the print data; and a
converter which converts the data into the print data
in accordance with the overall setting and the partial
setting while preferentially applying the partial
15   setting set by said setting unit; and

a printer which is connected to said printing
control apparatus and performs print processing in
accordance with the print data.

20   12. A printing system comprising:

a printing control apparatus for converting
inputted drawing data into a print data which a
printing apparatus can print and sending the print data
to the printing apparatus, comprising: a first
25   determination unit which determines an overall setting
which is a print setting to be applied to the entire
drawing data;

a first recorder which records the overall setting
determined in said first determination unit in a
setting table for managing settings;

a second determination unit which determines a
5   partial setting which is a setting to be applied only
to a part of pages in the case in which the drawing
data extends over a plurality of pages;

a second recorder which records the partial
setting determined in said second determination unit in
10   the setting table; and

a generator which determines a setting to be used
for each page of interest from the setting table and
generates print data based upon the determined setting;
and

15   a printing control apparatus for converting
inputted drawing data into a print data which a
printing apparatus can print and transferring the print
data to the printing apparatus; and

a printer which is connected to said printing
20   control apparatus and performs print processing in
accordance with the print data.

13. A computer program product recorded in a computer
readable medium, comprising:

25   a setting process procedure code which sets an
overall setting to be applied to the entire print data

setting table and generates print data based upon the determined setting.

and a partial setting to be applied to a designated

page in generating the print data; and

a conversion process procedure code which converts

the data into the print data in accordance with the

5   overall setting and the partial setting while

preferentially applying the partial setting set by said

setting process procedure code.

14. A computer program product recorded in a computer

readable medium, comprising:

10   a first determination process procedure code which

determines an overall setting which is a print setting

to be applied to the entire drawing data;

a process procedure code which records the overall

setting determined in said first determination process

15   procedure code in a setting table for managing

settings;

a second determination process procedure code

which determines a partial setting which is a setting

to be applied only to a part of pages in the case in

20   which the drawing data extends over a plurality of

pages;

a process procedure code which records the partial

setting determined in said second determination process

procedure code in the setting table; and

25   a process procedure code which determines a

setting to be used for each page of interest from the